Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): There are two wells just now named. But they are located within one mile.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): With regard to drinking water I am sure it is the first item of expenditure.

WORKMEN DISBANDED FROM BARGES, ETC.— REAPPOINTMENT OF.

8. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of workmen disbanded from the barges and tugs, Mechanical Department, in 1113 ;

(*b*) when were they disbanded and why ;

(*c*) the period of service they have put in the department as workmen in barges and tugs ;

(*d*) whether representations have been received from them to provide them with work in any other department ;

(*e*) is it a fact that Government had directed the Commissioner of Excise to draft these workmen to his department ;

(*f*) if so, when was that order passed ;

(*g*) whether the Excise Commissioner has made any appointments in his department (in the inferior service) after such an order; how many appointments has he made ;

(*h*) whether the Excise Commissioner has drafted any person from among the disbanded workmen to his department?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 15 including the store-shed lascar.

(*b*) On 7th Edavam 1113; when direct pipe line service to Mattancheri was opened.

(*c*) From 5 to 7 years.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) On 15th June 1938.

(*g*) Yes ; nine.

(*h*) Yes ; four men were drafted to the Excise Preventive Force.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are the 11 hands now unemployed? Have the Government any information about the remaining 11 ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I think most of them are employed. I cannot give you a definite answer.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Have the Government sent communications to any other Head of Department?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): To all the Heads of Departments.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are the Government certain that all of them are employed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I have already given the answer. Most of them are employed. That much I can say.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): How many?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Exact figure I can't say.

COCHIN RAILWAY TERRITORY—JURISDICTION OVER.

9. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) to whom does the territory, through which the Cochin State Railway passes, belong;

(*b*) to whom does the territory, in which the Railway Stations along the Cochin State Railway, belong;

(*c*) which is the State exercising Civil and Criminal jurisdiction in the territory above referred to?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) and (*b*) To His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin in respect of the lands within the Cochin State and His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore in respect of lands within the Travancore State.

(*c*) British India.

GOVERNMENT PRESS—WORKING HOURS OF.

10. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of hours in a day the employees in the Government Press, Ernakulam, are made to work; when does work commence there and when does it terminate for the day;

(*b*) whether at times they are given over-time work;

(*c*) what was the amount spent in 1113 for giving over-time allowance to such employees?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 8 hours a day. The working hours are from 8-30 a.m

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